

I read about  
Sinclair  
Broadcastings plans  
to air a program  
"Stolen Honor" on  
over 60 stations  
across the country  
recently in the  
newspaper. I feel  
strongly that this  
type of partison  
programming is  
inappropriate for  
public broadcast,  
especially  
considering it does  
not serve the  
community's  
interest. It is also  
inappropriate for a  
parent company like  
Sinclair to instruct  
stations to interrupt  
regularly scheduled  
programming to air  
a slanderous,  
politically  
motivated program  
such as Stolen  
Honor.

A parent company  
instructing it's  
stations to air a  
program that  
unfairly assaults a  
presidential  
candidate's  
character in the  
final weeks of a  
campaign is an  
outrage. I feel  
strongly that the  
community has every  
right to expect that  
those stations which  
have been granted  
access to the public  
airwaves demonstrate  
fairness in their  
selection of  
programming.

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the

public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.